

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
AKIHIRO MATSUYA) : Examiner: NYA
Appln. No.: NYA) : Group Art Unit: NYA
Filed: Herewith) :
For: IMAGE PROCESSING)
APPARATUS, AND METHOD) :
FOR CONTROLLING THE SAME) December 13, 2001

The Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application, filed herewith, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 4, 5, and 12 to read as follows (a version of those claims, marked to show the changes, is appended):

4. (Amended) An image processing apparatus according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein the image data is read by sequentially scanning an image of an original in the first direction and the second direction.

5. (Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:
an image processing apparatus according to Claim 1 or 2,
wherein image formation is performed by providing a color image from the
image data determined to include the chromatic color by said image processing apparatus,
and providing a monochromatic image from image data other than the determined image
data.

12. (Amended) A method according to Claim 9 or 10, wherein the image
data is read by sequentially scanning an image of an original in the first direction and the
second direction.

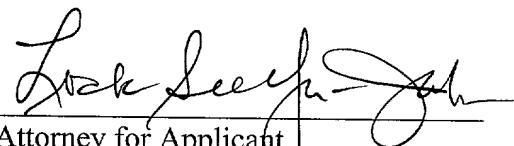
REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending for examination, with claims 4, 5 and 12 having
been amended, to remove improper multiple dependencies.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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VERSION MARKED TO SHOW CLAIM CHANGES

4. (Amended) An image processing apparatus according to [any one of Claims 1 through 3] Claim 1 or 2, wherein the image data is read by sequentially scanning an image of an original in the first direction and the second direction.

5. (Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:
an image processing apparatus according to [any one of Claims 1 through 4]

Claim 1 or 2,

wherein image formation is performed by providing a color image from the image data determined to include the chromatic color by said image processing apparatus, and providing a monochromatic image from image data other than the determined image data.

12. (Amended) A method according to [any one of Claims 9 through 11] Claim 9 or 10, wherein the image data is read by sequentially scanning an image of an original in the first direction and the second direction.